MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : The Director told me that, as there is a women's branch of the department where all vacancies would be filled by women, I need not worry about other departments.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : As far as possible, women alone are being appointed in the women's branch.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : Have not the Government accepted it as a principle that all vacancies in the women's branch would be filled up only by qualified women?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government cannot lay it down as an absolute rule that *all* vacancies in the women's branch would be filled up by women.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : What is the rule that they have laid down in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No rule has been laid down.

MRS. ANNA CHANDI (*Nominated*) : Will they be pleased to pay more attention to the question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : As far as possible, women will be appointed in the women's branch.

Selection of students for admission to the Madras Medical College.

334. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applicants for admission to the Madras Medical College ;

(*b*) the principle on which selection was made for admission ; and

(*c*) whether the Administrative Board, Medical Services, was the authority which selected the candidates?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 79.

(*b*) The best among the applicants were selected. Six candidates were selected, 4 males and 2 females. Of the male candidates, one is a 1st class graduate, two are Intermediates first class and the fourth is also an Intermediate who has obtained high marks in Physics and Chemistry together. Both the female candidates are Intermediates who obtained the highest marks among the applicants in Physics and Chemistry together.

(*c*) No ; Government made the final selection.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : May I know the number of graduate applicants among the 79 who had applied for admission to the Medical College?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Twenty-one, if I remember right.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Of these, the first class graduates alone have been selected. May I take it that the other twenty graduates have been refused admission?

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MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Only 31 out of the total number of applications conformed to the rules of the Medical College; and of these 31, Government selected the best candidates.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): What was the basis for the selection?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Graduate qualification is not necessary for the Medical College. There were 2 first class graduates and 2 first class intermediates; and all of them have been selected. The marks obtained, by the candidates in the University Examination, particularly in physics and chemistry, were also taken into account.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): How many of the applicants were ladies?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Ten if I remember right.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know the religious denomination to which the 2 ladies, who have been selected, belong?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I shall give the names so that the member may find it out for himself; Miss Rosamma John and Miss Mary Eapen.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Are there Christians also among the men selected?

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): There are.

PRESIDENT The Secretary has just now informed the member that the best candidates have been chosen; the question of caste does not therefore arise.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is any of the two ladies selected a graduate?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Did the Medical Board send up any recommendation as to the selection?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No; they simply forwarded the list of applicants; and Government made the selection.

Construction of a road from the Kottar-Dharmapuram road to the Karavilla channel.

355. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there were repeated petitions from the villagers of Poovankudiyur, Pazhavillai, Kidangaravillai, Vilattivillai, Pathankadu, Vairakudiyiruppu and other places for opening a cart road from the 4th mile, 3rd furlong of the Kottar-Dharmapuram road to the Karavilla channel bank through Poovankudiyur;

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